

Marionettes give enthusiastic start to Summer Reading Program



Puppeteer Celeste Rose, from Eugene, kept a large crowd of children and parents entertained at the Vernonia Public Library's first Summer Reading Program on June 21. Rose spun a delightful tale that utilized a cast of cowboys, villains, a heroine, dancing girls, an opera singer and a remarkable horse, and included audience participation with appropriate responses such as "Howdy, Partner," and "They went that-a-way!" The enthusiastic young

audience also sang *Home on the Range*, *Skip to My Lou* and were introduced to "Where Have You Been Billy Boy?" Rose made all of the marionettes except one antique marionette that she incorporates in the story. The summer program will continue each Thursday at the library at 1:00 p.m., with a variety of activities. Two evening programs will also be presented. For further information, call Librarian Nancy Burch at 503-429-1818.

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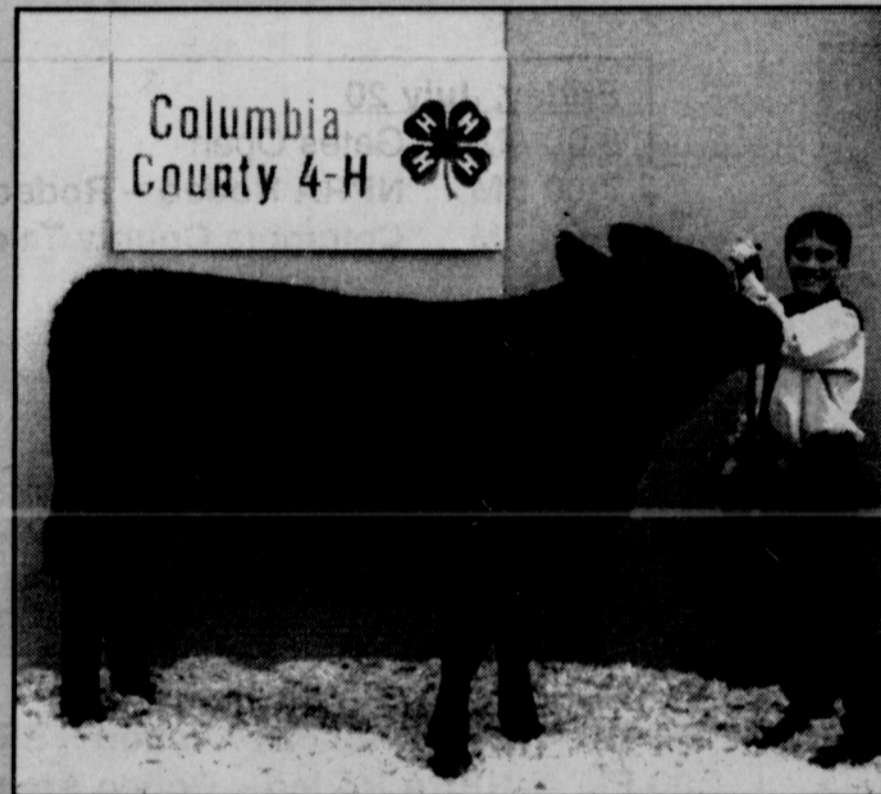
Fun
for the
Whole
Family

Daily

10:00 AM Concessions Open
12 NOON Carnival Opens
THROUGHOUT DAY— Stilt Walker
and Stage Entertainment
ALL DAY Petting Zoo
ALL DAY Barns Open – Horses,
Cows, Beef Cattle, Swine,
Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits
ALL DAY Displays, Exhibits,
Demonstrations and Competitions

Wednesday, July 18

9:00 AM Gates Open
12:30 PM Grand Opening Ceremony – Stage 1
1:00 PM **My Fair Lady Pageant – Stage 1**
2:00 PM Old Time Threshing Machine Demonstration
Farm Museum
6:00 PM **Stock Car Races**
Fairgrounds Race Track
7:00 PM Columbia County Talent Show – Stage 1
11:00 PM Gates Close



4-H competitions will be underway throughout the fair, in livestock, photography, fabrics, art, food preparation, nutrition, vegetable and flower gardening, record keeping and much, much more. All events are free to the spectators.

4-H Livestock Auction, Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 19

9:00 AM Gates Open
1:00 PM **Baby Contest – Stage 1**
7:00 PM Fireballs Square Dance – Stage 2
11:00 PM Gates Close



The Gentlemen Jugglers



Demonstrations of 1924 Case Threshing Machine will be Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Farm Museum on the Fairgrounds